

TOWN OF GRAND RAPIDS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2008

Meeting Place: Grand Rapids Municipal Building, 2410 48th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Present: Chairman Don Bohn, Supervisors Arne Nystrom, Jeanne Fehrman, David Hartjes, and Edward Hellner; Building Inspector Lorelei Fuehrer, Treasurer Kristine Ginter, Clerk Judy McLellan.

Absent:

Excused:

NOTE: () indicates agenda item of when Board member joined the meeting.

Notices of the meeting were legally posted at The Store in Kellner, the Grand Rapids Garage and the Grand Rapids Municipal Building, and published in the Daily Tribune.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Don Bohn.

1. **Approval of January 8th and 9th, 2008 Town Board Meetings.** Motion (Hellner/Hartjes) to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.
2. **Presentation by John Clark, President Mid-State Technical College, on proposed Technical Park.** Presentation was presented by Sue Budjac and Craig Hjelle, John Clark unable to make meeting. Mid-State Technical College is looking into developing a Technical Park to the east of the schools campus. 60 acres of land would be developed into 10 lots. An extension of Peach Street would be needed as well as sewer and water hook up. They are currently in the feasibility phase of the concept. Mid-State is working with Connie Loden of the Heart of Wis on obtaining funds in the form of a grant to have official feasibility study done.
3. **Approval of Emergency Election Contingency Plan.** Motion (Hartjes/Fehrman) to approve Emergency Election Contingency Plan. Motion carried.
4. **Approval/Denial of Membership in Heart of Wisconsin Business and Economic Alliance and optional voluntary contributions.** Motion (Fehrman/Hartjes) to approve membership in the Heart of Wisconsin Business and Economic Alliance but no additional funds should be appropriated for voluntary contributions. Motion carried.
5. **Discussion on Wood County Sheriff's K-9 fund.** Supervisor Nystrom stated that the town has used the services of the Wood County Sheriff's K-9 and that it is a great addition to the department but felt that the donations to the fund should come from the individual residents, as they see fit, instead of from the town funds. The rest of the board agreed with Supervisor Nystrom. Clerk McLellan will contact Wood County Sheriff's K-9 group to see if they would like to make a presentation at a future meeting to get the information out to the residents of the Town.
6. **Approval/Denial of Treasurer attending Treasurer's Convention in Waukesha in April.** Motion (Hartjes/Fehrman) to approve Treasurer attending Treasurer's Convention. Motion carried.
7. **Approval/Denial of garbage & recycling special charge refund requests.** Motion (Hartjes/Fehrman) to approve refund to Joel & Kathy Winkler for garbage and recycling special charge. Motion carried.
8. **Discussion and approval of Resolution to Transfer Certain Street Lights and Poles to Wisconsin Rapids Waterworks and Lighting Commission for the Provision of Electric Service within the Town.** Motion (Fehrman/Hartjes) to approve the resolution to Transfer Certain Street Lights and Poles to Wisconsin Rapids WW&LC as per presented information. Motion carried. Resident Mike Speich mentioned that he will be addressing the Water Works and Lighting Commission as to the possibility of having Grand Rapids and Biron representatives added to the Commission.
9. **Approval/Denial of using MRA and InfoLink (Kroll) to perform reference checks and Criminal Background checks on potential employees in hiring process.** Motion (Nystrom/Hartjes) to approve the use of MRA and InfoLink for reference checks and criminal background checks for potential employees as seen needed by board or Citizen's Advisory Committee. Motion carried

- 10. Discussion on having feasibility study done with Village of Biron on shared services.** Chairman Bohn said that he has had some discussion with Village of Biron President Jon Evenson about the possibility of exploring the Town of Grand Rapids and Village of Biron entering into agreements that would result in the shared services between the two. Chairman Bohn stated that President Evenson is very receptive to the idea and would welcome the opportunity to continue discussions with the Town. Chairman Bohn asked if the rest of the board was in agreement as to pursuing further discussions. General consensus of the board was that they should pursue the possibility of agreements for shared services with the Village of Biron. Joint meetings will be scheduled in the future.
- 11. Approval/Denial of Operators License Applications.** Motion (Hellner/Hartjes) to approve the Operators License for Matthew J. Anderson. Motion carried.
- 12. Other public input.**
Resident Mike Speich mentioned that though the Mid-State proposed Technical Park is only in the feasibility phase the board should keep this project in mind when discussions with Biron take place.

Supervisor Jeanne Fehrman stated that the Comprehensive Plan is on schedule and that approximately 1800 surveys had been returned. Staff is not completed entering data from the surveys so complied information is not yet available.

Motion (Nystrom/ Hartjes) to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.

Minutes subject to board approval.

Respectfully submitted and approved
this _____ day of _____, 2008

Judy McLellan
Town Clerk